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## Logging - good or bad?

Oregonians express mixed feelings when queried

By: Alex Baumhardt

Oregon Capital Chronicle

More than 40% of Oregon adults say the state's forests are overlogged, but most also believe that harvesting timber is part of maintaining healthy forests, according to a recent survey.

In November, the nonprofit, nonpartisan group Oregon Values and Beliefs Center

sent an online survey to residents statewide to learn about their attitudes toward logging and the health of state forests.

More than 1,550 people responded.

They were asked about their "gut feelings" toward logging in Oregon, and whether it's occurring too much or not enough. About 43% said they felt logging

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State, federal and private forests in Oregon are managed for both timber and for conservation. A new survey finds many Oregonians think too much forestland in the state is being logged.

## "Revitalize, rebuild, and restore"

Meeting offers insights into community's reboot



The public had a chance to interact with over 30 local organizations, agencies and businesses last Saturday inside the gym on the McKenzie River Community School campus.

FINN ROCK: Outlines for developing recovery plans were key to many conversations as people circulated around the McKenzie High School gymnasium this weekend. Set up around the room were representatives from a wide array of organizations - from Lane County's planning staff to the student-led McKenzie Rebuilds group, or the fire districts to the Clearwater Partners.

"I like to compare the efforts back in the 70s to what you are all doing today, in the McKenzie Valley," said Cliff Richardson in his kickoff to the event. "You're the McKenzie Boosters now - the ones that are helping revitalize, rebuild, and restore the community up here that we love so much."

Some of those discussions revolved around ideas that would "promote compact, small-town development patterns, according to Laura Buhl, a land use and transportation planner with the Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development. Because the Blue River area is not an incorporated municipality, Buhl said it presents challenges to establishing a mixed-use area downtown or other higher-density developments. However, she said, the existence of the McKenzie River Community School helps make the case that the state should look at the area as having similarities to an incorporated community.

Looking at the ground level and below **Revitalize and rebuild - Page 9**

## Weather changes tough on firs

Trees are widespread throughout the Pacific Northwest

By Steve Lundeber

Douglas-fir trees will likely experience more stress from drier air as the climate changes than they will from less rain, computer modeling by Oregon State University scientists shows.

The research is important because Douglas-fir are widespread throughout the Pacific Northwest, an iconic species with ecological, cultural and economic significance, and learning how the trees respond to drought is crucial for understanding forest sensitivity to a shifting climate.

Douglas-fir grow in a range that stretches from northern British Columbia to central California, and also includes the Rocky Mountains and northeastern Mexico. In Oregon, Douglas-fir are found in a variety of mixed conifer and hardwood forests, from sea level to 5,000 feet, and can reach a massive size; a tree on Bureau of Land Management land in Coos County is more than 300 feet tall and greater than 11 feet in diameter.

Native Americans traditionally used the wood of Douglas-fir, Oregon's official state tree since 1936, for fuel and for tools, its pitch as a sealant and many parts of the tree for medicinal purposes.

A versatile timber tree, Douglas-fir is a source of softwood products including boards, railroad ties, plywood veneer and wood fiber. Oregon leads all U.S. states in softwood production and most of that is Douglas-fir.

The OSU study, published in Agricultural and Forest Meteorology, simulated the response of a 50-year-old stand of Douglas-fir on the Oregon Cascade Range's west slope to less rain and higher "vapor pressure deficit," or VPD - basically the atmosphere's drying power.

A team led by Karla Jarecke, a postdoctoral researcher in the OSU College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences, sought **Tough on firs - Page 9**



OSU researchers on a slope,

## Help for Community Colleges

Report calls for more legislative oversight

By Eric Tegethoff

Oregon News Service

An audit of community colleges in Oregon has implications for the state's legislative session, which started this week.

The report from the Secretary of State's Audit Division in December pointed to the need for a greater role from the commission overseeing higher education.

Ben Cannon, executive director of the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission, said there have been some modest gains in completion or transfer numbers over the past decade. Although overall numbers hover around half, he noted there has been greater success for some underrepresented students of color.



Oregon community college students who completed credentials of transferred within four years increased from 45% to 51% between 2017 and 2021.

"We are graduating more Hispanic/Latino students today than at any prior time, and that's in spite of the decline in overall enrollment at the colleges," Cannon reported. "Over the last couple of years in particular

that's been steep."

The audit showed enrollment dropped faster than most other states both before and during the pandemic. In 2021, Oregon ranked 40th for completions, according **Community Colleges - P 9**

# Letters to the Editor

## Thank you McKenzie Community

I wish to thank my McKenzie Community for the Man of the Year Award recently bestowed on me. I am truly honored for the distinction and the kind words of many.

I would also like to congratulate all the other very deserving gentlemen and ladies receiving votes. Lacey Joy, whom I am particularly proud of, well deserves her Woman of the Year honor. Too, the Leaburg Store, owned and operated by Jon and Jerri Jo Payne, is a deserving choice of Business of the Year.

As with the individuals recog-

nized, many thanks go out to the other fine, hard-working businesses recognized for their services to the McKenzie River Community. I truly believe it takes a dedicated team to achieve desirable accomplishments and great results.

There are many folks in this wonderful and unique McKenzie River Valley that contribute their time (and a half) and efforts to make our Community a special place to live and be proud of. Thank you for the opportunity to work and play with all of you.

Together, we will rebuild, recover and I feel, continue to honor our McKenzie heritage.

Cliff Richardson

## Guest Opinion

### 2022 decisions will play out in 2023

By Randy Stapilus

This year, the state will learn what how the decisions made in 2022 will look like in practice.

This is likely to be most obvious in the political and governmental sphere. Oregon elected a new governor and three new members of Congress in November, but that is the beginning of the story, not the end.

Starting this month, Oregonians will compare incoming Gov. Tina Kotek with her predecessor, Gov. Kate Brown, and assess her new manage-

ment of state government (and even much of local government).

In December, Kotek launched a series of listening stops, starting in Yamhill and Douglas counties, in partial fulfillment of her promise to keep in closer touch with the far-flung parts of Oregon. But there will be questions about the extent of communications – who is invited, for example, to the small groups she’ll meet? – and what results come of it.

Kotek presented herself as a stronger manager of state government, determined to push through not so many policy changes as more effective management of them. There

are no lack of management issues, from fulfilling Measure 110 drug assistance to helping with renter issues and homelessness to better funding of the public defender system. Illicit drug operations are also a problem. All were challenging for the last administration, and Kotek said she would improve the state’s performance. These are long-term issues, but we should have a sense within a few months of how she will tackle them.

We’ll also see how the slightly less Democratic Legislature does as well when lawmakers

arrive later this month, and how Kotek relates to it in her new capacity. Governors with legislative experience have been known (not only in Oregon) to flounder in that area after making the transition. A bellwether was suggested by a headline from last campaign season: “Democrat Tina Kotek pledged Monday to make capping campaign contributions one of her top priorities if she’s elected governor.” Watch this touchy topic closely.

Legislative leadership will be newer than it has been in more than a decade. (Kotek has been around the statehouse a long time but she’s there now in a new capacity; it’s worth remembering that all three major governor candidates last fall had been prominent legislators and resigned their seats earlier in the year to run statewide, so none are back.) In 2023, Oregonians can decide how this version of Democratic control compares to the last.

Are Oregon Democrats shrinking their philosophical tent? Last year’s primary ouster of Kurt Schrader, a Blue

Dog Democrat in Congress, opened the question of what the governing party will look like, broad (with serious reach to the center) or narrow. The departure of former Democrat Betsy Johnson speaks to this, too. This year may give us some clues about how the party in Oregon is currently defining itself.

Republicans face questions of a similar nature. Many Oregon Republican nominees in 2022 were from the mainstream of the party (“normies” in the lingo of some Donald Trump backers) but a significant number of nominees and other candidates were not. For the second election cycle in a row, the party’s nominee for the U.S. Senate, Jo Rae Perkins, was a perennial candidate with personal issues and close alignment with QAnon, yet she easily won the party’s nomination and more than 40% of the general election vote. Republicans in Oregon have serious structural problems looking ahead to 2023.

They also face some immediate  
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## McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

### McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball teams travel to Siletz Valley Early College Academy on Tuesday, January 17. The Boy’s game is scheduled for a 5:30 pm start and the Girl’s game follows at 7:00 pm.

The McKenzie teams host Crow on Thursday, January 19. The Boy’s game will tip off at 5:30 pm and the Girl’s game is scheduled for a 7:00 pm start.

### Eagle Boys Suffer Wolverine Bite

The visiting Alsea Wolverines snarled their way into McKenzie’s gym last Thursday, January 12, fed on their Eagle hosts, and muscled their way to a 60-19 Mt. West League victory. Alsea improved its third-place Mt. West

League (MWL) record to 6-2 and improved its overall record to 11-6 following a 53-39 non-league win over Elkton two days later.

McKenzie, sitting last place in the MWL standings, dropped to 0-7, 0-13, with a subsequent 58-21 loss to the league leader, Mohawk Mustangs (7-0, 10-4). Against the Wolverines, Eagle freshman Will Meister finished with McKenzie high point honors, scoring 8 points and grabbing 2 rebounds. Freshman Allen Acevedo finished with 4 points, 2 assists, and a steal and junior Griffin Withalm also scored 4 points, hauled in 4 rebounds, and finished with 4 steals. Salomon Acevedo was the only other Eagle scorer, dropping in 3 points and the Eagle junior led his team with 12 rebounds. Senior Trent Peek had 3 rebounds and a steal and sophomore Jovial Jordan finished with a rebound and a steal.

The McKenzie Varsity Girls had the night off as Alsea, unfortunately, does not field a Girl’s Basketball team this season.

### Stampede Days On The Mohawk

Both McKenzie Varsity

Basketball teams got caught up in a Mustang stampede last Friday, January 13, over in the Mohawk Valley. When the final horn sounded, following their contest with the Mt. West League leading Mustangs, the Eagle boys hit the trail saddled with a 58-21 loss. And when the dust settled in the Varsity Girls go-round, the Eagle Girls fared not a bit better, losing 40-7.

Mohawk improved its record to 4-2 in League play and 5-8 overall for the season. The Eagles fell to 1-4 and 1-9. There were no girl’s stats available at press time.

McKenzie freshman Will Meister led his Eagle Boys team in scoring for the second game in a row (8 points versus Alsea) finishing with 11 points and 1 rebound. Allen Acevedo scored 4 points and a rebound, teammate and brother Salomon Acevedo added 3 points, 6 rebounds, and 3 steals and senior Trent Peek finished with 3 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 steals. Eagles Thomas Hayes grabbed 3 boards, Jacob Peek added 1 rebound, and Jovial Jordan played.

Friday 1/20		Saturday 1/21		Sunday 1/22	
McKenzie Valley Showers 40% chance precip High: 49 Low: 31	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 10% chance precip High: 37 Low: 28	McKenzie Valley Mostly Sunny 10% chance precip High: 48 Low: 37	Santiam Pass PM Snow Showers 50% chance precip High: 37 Low: 25	McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy 40% chance precip High: 46 Low: 31	Santiam Pass Snow Showers 50% chance precip High: 31 Low: 21

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### WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
1/10	47	32	0	769 cfs	1/10	55	34	0.05	4,430 cfs
1/11	40	36	0.30	NA	1/11	49	35	0.12	3,810 cfs
1/12	51	44	0	565 cfs	1/12	48	39	4,140 cfs	
1/13	51	45	0.31	501 cfs	1/13	52	46	0.02	4,270 cfs
1/14	54	43	0	NA	1/14	51	43	0.41	4,640 cfs
1/15	47	39	0.24	797 cfs	1/15	55	42	0.41	4,270 cfs
1/16	44	36	0.07	507 cfs	1/16	49	38	0.17	4,410 cfs

# Sheriff's Report

**Jan. 8: 8:19 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 91800 block, Mill Creek Rd. Verbal dispute between roommates.

**Jan. 9: 6:41 a.m:** Burglary - 89300 blk, Old Mohawk Rd. A caller reported a residential burglary. A purse with contents and a vehicle were stolen. The vehicle is described as a blue 2006 Chevrolet Malibu bearing OR plate #151CVW.

**Jan. 10: 10:42 a.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Moss Rd.

**10:58 a.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Moss Rd.

**12:07 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd. Dispute between the caller and the caller's father. Deputies responded to the location and assisted in resolving the dispute.

**1:13 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Lat: 44.159877. Long: -122.626538.

**3:42 p.m:** Tree Down - McK.

Hwy. & Blue River Reservoir Rd. **Jan. 11: 12:28 p.m:** Theft - 40100 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported a civil dispute over property.

**1:04 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 39800 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported a verbal dispute at the location. After calming down, the caller advised there was no need for deputies to respond.

**2:38 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**2:51 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 42000 blk, Holden Creek Ln.

**3:55 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 54600 blk, McK. River Dr.

**4:15 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 93100 blk, Marcola Rd. Verbal dispute regarding access to a property. The matter was determined to be civil in nature.

**6:00 p.m:** Assist Fire Department - Elk Creek Rd. & Blue River Dr.

**Jan. 12: 2:26 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Goodpasture Rd.

**2:38 p.m:** Medical Info Call - 87300 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

**3:11 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Dexter St.

**3:28 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Mp. 45.

**4:17 p.m:** Disabled Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Quartz Creek Rd.

**4:47 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**6:00 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 88400 blk, Partridge Ln.

**6:42 p.m:** Citizen Contact - McGowan overlook.

**Jan. 13: 4:55 p.m:** Welfare Check - 88200 blk, Millican Rd.

**11:28 p.m:** Dispute - 38000 blk, MJ Chase Rd. Dispute between neighbors regarding a recently installed barricade.

**Jan. 14: 12:51 a.m:** Assault - 39900 blk, Log Creek Rd. Caller was struck over the head with a whiskey bottle by his stepfather.

**7:49 a.m:** Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Hill Rd.

**9:45 a.m:** Recover Stolen Vehicle - 44600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**11:56 a.m:** Criminal Mischief - 92200 blk, Carson St. A caller reported that the locks on a water meter had been cut.

**6:45 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Holden Creek Ln. & McK. Hwy.

**6:51 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - 40500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**Jan. 15: 5:44 a.m:** Alarm - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy.

**7:02 a.m:** Elder Abuse - 8500 blk, Thurston Rd.

**12:02 p.m:** Theft - 51500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**3:29 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 88900 blk, Marcola Rd.

**3:41 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 38600 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd.

**4:15 p.m:** Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

**5:12 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 88900 blk, Marcola Rd.

**Comments as reported may not be complete or accurate. If further information is required contact the Lane County Sheriffs Office.**

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Jan. 9: 1:39:** 90000 block, Angels Flight Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**7:09:** 51000 blk, Blue River Dr. Motor Vehicle Accident. Disregarded

**16:31:** 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Signed.

**18:37:** 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Jan. 10: 8:10:** 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. MVA. Non-Injury, Non-Blocking.

**10:02:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

**15:24:** 37000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient

Assessed, Refusal Signed.

**19:14:** Marcola Rd./Camp Creek Rd. MVA. Mutual Aid Provided.

**22:16:** 51013 McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

**Jan. 11: 8:44:** 88000 blk, Heather Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**9:33:** 51000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed/Deceased.

**17:31:** 51000 blk, Blue River Drive Mutual Aid. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Jan. 12: 12:16:** 88000 blk, Partridge Ln. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

**14:35:** 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, Refusal Signed.

**19:08:** McK. Hwy./Angels Flight Rd. Legal Backyard Burn. Disregarded - Controlled Slash Piles.

**Jan. 13: 14:05:** 88000 blk, Millican Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

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## Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**Jan. 10: 15:38:** Down Line - McK. Hwy./Blue River Reservoir Rd. Tree down across hwy. Eastbound is partially affected, westbound lane blocked. Tree also brought down a cable line, no arcing/sparking.

**Jan. 11: 09:33:** Medical - 51000 block, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**17:28:** Medical - 51000 blk, Blue River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**Jan. 14: 21:37:** Medical - 56000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m on Wednesday, January 18th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.



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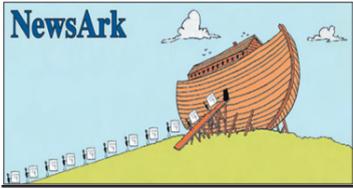


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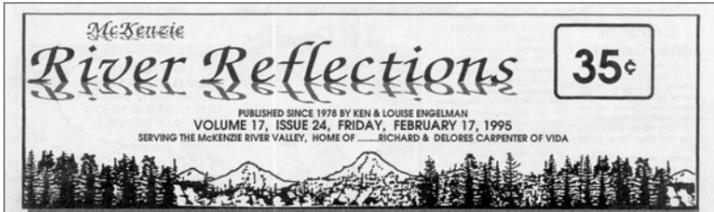


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### Police Find Hendricks Bridge Jumper

**Man Wanted In High Speed Chase Swam Away In Icy River**

WALTERVILLE: A Friday morning police pursuit through Springfield and the lower McKenzie Valley ended when the suspect jumped off Hendricks bridge and escaped. According to Lane County Sheriff's Office reports, the incident began close to 1 a.m. on February 10, with a traffic stop initiated by a Springfield Police Dept. officer. The patrolman had pulled a 1983 Mazda RX7 over in the 4500 block of Daisy Street because of a faulty license plate light. In the vehicle were an unlicensed male driver and a woman identified as Lona Renia Martel, 30, of Springfield.

While a computer check was being done on the driver he sped away from the scene, heading east along Thurston Road and Highway 126. Following a 10 to 15 minute chase at speeds up to 110 mph, the vehicle spun out on the bridge. Police report the suspect then got out of the Mazda and jumped over the bridge railing. According to reports, he

### Hoodoo Winter Carnival A Gas At The Pass

The staff at Hoodoo Ski Bowl certainly proved they know how to throw a party last weekend at the Bowl's annual Winter Carnival. Beginning with an all day ice sculpting contest on Friday at the ski area, the town of Sisters got into the act with a winter carnival dance and a Mountain Man Beard Contest.

For once, even the weather cooperated with a combination of sunshine, large snow flakes falling and gusts of snow-laden breezes.

The event carried on into Saturday with sleigh rides, a Big Top BBQ, a penny hunt on the snow castle, other children's games and contests, an adult and junior pie eating contest, lots of skiing races, a buffet dinner and a pig roast dinner. The evening ended with live music and fireworks. A beautiful event for observers was the night time torchlight descent down the mountain by the Ski Patrol.

On Sunday two races were held, the Pole, Paw, Piddle, a 2-K cross country race with dogs, and the Santiam Telemark Championship race.

appeared injured after landing on rocks below the structure. He was last seen crawling towards the river's edge.

Police, divers and water rescue personnel from the McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District were all involved in a search of the area that lasted until late afternoon. No signs of the man were found.

Almost 24 hours after the incident began, police received a phone call from another Springfield resident who advised them he'd given an injured man a ride to a friend's house. SPD officer John Patterson went to the Del Monte Street address where he found 39 year old Daniel Wayne Thompson lying in bed. Patterson identified him as the man who'd been driving the Mazda and cited him for driving while suspended.

Thompson told police that when he emerged from the water, he found a shack to rest in before going for help. As a result of his fall, the man suffered a broken sternum and injuries to his left leg.

### McKenzie School Board Picketed For New Labor Contract

**Two Sides Disagree On Extending Wage Freeze To Teachers**

The entry to the school building was lined with picketers when the McKenzie School Board met Wednesday night. At issue is the manner in which teachers would be paid over the next three years.

A handout circulated by the picketers charges the school district with refusing to pay teachers at a level promised in a budget adopted last spring. In the 1994-95 McKenzie Schools budget, over one million dollars was allocated for teacher compensation. Critics say the board's plan for a salary freeze would result in a 3 percent cost of living reduction, in addition to the 6 percent salary loss already suffered by teachers because of the passage of Ballot Measure 5.

According to school board chairman Tom Siebers, talks between the teacher's union and district have taken a positive turn in recent weeks. "Now we're just a few dollars from the two offers being identical," he said on Thursday. "The nubbing point is that all the other employees in the district are on a salary freeze for

low the structure. He was last seen crawling toward the river's edge. Police, divers, and water rescue personnel from the McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District were all involved in a search of the area that lasted until late afternoon. No sign of the man was found. Almost 24 hours after the incident began, police received a phone call from another Springfield resident who advised them he'd given an injured man a ride to a friend's house. SPD officer John Patterson went to the Del Monte Street address where he found 39-year-old Daniel Wayne Thompson lying in bed. Patterson identified him as the man who'd been driving the Mazda and cited him for driving while suspended. Thompson told police that when he emerged from the water, he found a shack to rest in before going for help. As a result of his fall, the man suffered a broken sternum and injuries to his left leg.

### March 3, 1995 UO To Develop Strategic plan

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### Feb. 17, 1995 Police Find Hendricks Bridge Jumper

**Man Wanted In High Speed Chase Swam Away In Icy River**

Walterville: A Friday morning police pursuit through Springfield and the lower McKenzie Valley ended when the suspect jumped off Hendricks Bridge and escaped. According to Lane County Sheriff's Office reports, the incident began close to 1 a.m. on February 10, with a traffic stop initiated by a Springfield Police Dept. officer. The patrolman had pulled a 1983 Mazda RX7 over in the 4500 block of Daisy Street because of a faulty license plate light. In the vehicle were an unlicensed male driver and a woman identified as Lona Renia Martel, 30, of Springfield. While a computer check was being done on the driver he sped away from the scene, heading east along Thurston Road and Highway 126. Following a 10 to 15-minute chase at speeds up to 110 mph, the vehicle spun out on the bridge. Police report the suspect then got out of the Mazda and jumped over the bridge railing. According to reports, he appeared injured after landing on rocks be-

recently as researchers from the University of Oregon's Community Planning Workshop (CPW) begin a nine-month study of the local economy. The study, funded by a \$25,000 federal grant to the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce, focuses on ways to provide for economic development while at the same time preserving natural beauty and water & quality. During the initial phase of the project emphasis will be placed on background research and economic trends affecting the area, compiling an inventory of existing tourism attractions in the county, and reviewing regulations that could either aid or hinder community development. Aside from visiting organizational meetings, researchers also plan to send out 1,000 detailed surveys in a random mailing to residents throughout the McKenzie Valley. In the Spring, representatives from the CPW and area communities will get together to define major strategic issues facing the valley. The result of those discussions is expected to be a proposal including both short-term and long-term projects.

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end as their 12-foot wooden boat became trapped in the rapids at the headwaters of the McKenzie River. According to Linn County Sheriff's Office reports, Richard Tillack, 67, and his wife Darlene, 62, had been staying with friends in the Eugene area. On Saturday the couple traveled to Clear Lake where they rented a boat. The Tillacks told police they accidentally floated out of the lake. Shortly after, the craft was caught in the extremely hazardous white water rapids along a narrow chute leading to 100-foot-tall Sahalie Falls. By sheer luck, the boat was caught in rocks about 200 yards downstream from the lake. A passer-by heard their calls for help and notified Linn County Deputy John Lubbock, who was on patrol at the Coldwater Cove Campground. Personnel from the Linn County Sheriff's Office, Sweet-home Fire Dept., US Forest Service, and Black Butte Fire Dept. all responded to the scene. Rescuers had to use extreme caution to assure the boat didn't capsize and throw the victims into the dangerous, icy waters. Using ropes from both sides of the river, rescuers were finally able to manipulate the Tillack's boat to the bank in safety. Approximately 12 agency personnel and citizens participated in the rescue, according to a police spokeswoman. Linn County Sheriff Dave Burright reports that the following day, a second rescue was underway only a short distance downstream from the boating mishap. Burright said a call for help went out when a 29-year-old Portland woman was trapped on a rock at the edge of 70-foot-tall Koosah Falls. The victim, Laurie Hillenbrand, and her husband, James, had been hiking on a trail about 1/4 mile above the falls at about 2:30 pm. Their cocker spaniel jumped in the river and was swept away by the swift current. Police say Mrs. Hillenbrand ran ahead of the dog and climbed out on a fallen log over the river just above Koosah Falls. She intended to grab the animal as it passed but its weight dragged her into the rapids. Hillenbrand was able to gain a hold on some brush, pull herself out of the water, and climb onto a flat rock perched right at the edge of the precipice. About 40 personnel from close to a dozen agencies responded to assist in the water rescue. Included were: the Linn County Sheriff's Office Dive & Rescue team, Jefferson County Rescue Team, Sisters/Camp Sherman RFD, EASE, McKenzie RFD Water Rescue Team, Sweet Home Fire Dept., Albany FD, US Forest Service, and the Corvallis Mountain Rescue Team. Burright said Mrs. Hillenbrand was ultimately rescued at approximately 6:15 pm when the teams used ropes and other climbing equipment to span the river and bring her to safety. "The Jefferson County Rescue Team provided the experience for the technical aspects of this very difficult rescue," Burright said. Mrs. Hillenbrand suffered only minor scrapes and abrasions during her ordeal. The dog was swept over the falls and not found.



By Slim Randles

Down at the sale barn Saturday, the think tank had coagulated there with coffees to go. Doc and Dud had their dogs with them, while Bert and Dewey and Steve went stag.

Dud tried to start a conversation, but the loudspeaker soon drove them outside, where they arrayed themselves on dropped tailgates and waited to hear what Dud had in mind.

"I thought about it a lot," Dud said, "and I wondered what the favorite part of my job was, and wondered if you fellas ever gave that any thought, too."

They nodded. Yes, by mutual consent a worthy subject.

"With me," Dud continued, "it wasn't so much my job as it was my hobby. You know, writing that book. I'm claiming it as the best part of my job, anyway."

The assembled were still waiting to read "Murder in the Soggy Bottoms," as it had yet to see print, and was really a work in progress.

Then Bert picked up the conversation thread. "Of course I'm retired now," he said, "but when I was running the pawn shop, my favorite part of the job happened when a customer found something in there he really needed and ended up paying much less for it than he thought he'd have to."

Doc laughed "And you made more on it than you thought you would, too,"

Bert grinned and nodded. "Yep. That was good too. And you, Dewey?"

Our accident-prone pharaoh of fertilizer got a serious look on his face. He finally said, "The best part of the fertilizer business is seeing the difference it makes in the flower gardens around town. Now maybe it's just my imagination, but I kinda like to take a little credit for a prettier town."

"You deserve it, Dewey," Doc said kindly. "Well now ... with me it's a little different. I have doctoring skills, of course, and it's good when I can help someone, but these days the most satisfying part of my job is to check someone out thoroughly and find there's absolutely nothing wrong with them. Now that's special."

They all looked over at the tall cowboy, Steve.

"Digging postholes," he said. "What?" they said.

"You know," he said, "the favorite part of my job."

"Digging postholes?"

"Sure," he said, grinning. "That's the only job a cowboy has where he can start at the top and work down."

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"I was educated once. It took me years to get over it."  
Mark Twain

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**Gardening Tips**  
By Kym Pokorny



hazelnuts – are one of earliest sources of pollen for bees.

Oregon grape (Mahonia): No garden – or bee – should be without one of these evergreen shrubs, especially since it’s designated Oregon’s state flower. But an even better reason are the insanely yellow flowers that last for weeks.

Heath and heather (Erica and Calluna): Bees zoom in to heaths and heathers like they’re approaching a runway. In shades from purple to copper to gold, these low-growing plants make a mat of color throughout the year, including winter.

Winter jasmine (Jasminum nudiflora): Though it doesn’t have the fragrance of other jasmines, this vining shrub has bright yellow flowers that are a welcome sight in winter.

Burkwood viburnum (Viburnum x burkwoodii): The burke Viburnum is best known for the clusters of fragrant white blooms that bees find irresistible.

Sweet box (Sarcococcus confusa): It’s not the inconspicuous wispy white flowers that draw attention in deepest winter, it’s the waft of fragrance that attracts both people and bees.

Witch hazel (Hamamelis): Bees get fired up over witch hazel with its crepe-paperlike flowers in colors of orange, red and, most famously, yellow.

**8 winter-blooming plants to nourish bees**



Glen Andresen, Bridgetown Bees

Bees and other pollinators out and about during the dark days of winter look to gardeners for the nourishment that keeps them going until the more abundant seasons of the year arrive.

“Black-tailed bumblebees are out as early as January,” said Andony Melathopoulos, a bee specialist with Oregon State University Extension Service. “Native bees are just starting and will be seen more often later in February when the wild willow starts blooming.”

Though there are winter-flowering plants growing in the wild, many pollinators don’t live anywhere near them. That makes using cultivated winter bloomers an important consideration when planning a garden.

“Even a small amount of habitat will sustain bees, even rare species,” Melanthopoulos said. “These are tiny creatures. Well-thought-out landscapes can provide all the food they need in winter. Gardeners can really help with that.”

Granted, there aren’t that many

plants that flower in winter, but what’s out there adds much-needed brightness to the garden and sustenance for pollinators. Melathopoulos suggested the following winter-blooming plants.

Brassicas (broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, mustard): If left to bloom into winter (which they will), your brassica crops will attract a bevy of bees.

Hazelnut (Corylus): Members of the Corylus genus – including the popular contorted and weeping



Glen Andresen, Bridgetown Bees



By Mary Emma Allen

**OLD TIME COOKING MEMORIES**

“Mom, you need to write down your memories about foods Grandma cooked on the farm when you were growing up,” my daughter Beth insists. “Otherwise these foodways in our family will be lost.”

So I’m trying to recollect the “Foodways at the Place Homestead” in southeastern New York State when I was growing up in the 1940’s and ‘50’s.

It’s been said that an understanding of our ancestors is an understanding of our family and ourselves. Many of my memories of life on the Place Farm takes place in the kitchen with its wood burning cook stove, large kitchen table and the couch where the hired man might tell us children stories while we waited for a meal or where we children rested when we weren’t feeling well.

**Simple Fare**

We had fairly simple farm fare prepared from food we raised or grew on the dairy farm.... milk, beef, pork, chickens and eggs. We always grew a large garden so had fresh vegetables in summer and canned ones throughout the winter. (That was in the days before freezers.)

MILK TOAST was a simple meal when we children weren’t feeling well. Mother buttered a slice or two of warm toast. Put it

on a plate and poured warm milk over it. This tasted good when we weren’t feeling like eating a meal.

BREAD AND MILK - This was something my grandmother served in my dad’s childhood to fill stomachs and to stretch meals. Throughout his life, Father still enjoyed a bowl of torn bread with milk poured over it at the end of his evening meal.

FRIED GREEN TOMATOES - Mother sliced green tomatoes from the garden, dipped them in flour or corn meal, and fried in a bit of bacon drippings as a vegetable for dinner or supper. Sometimes she dipped the slices in beaten egg before covering with the flour or cornmeal, as I recall.

CORN MEAL MUSH - Since we usually had a hearty meal for Sunday dinner, Mother often cooked corn meal mush (which some people serve as a breakfast cereal) for the supper meal for us children. This was tasty with syrup over it. If there was leftover “mush” she would fry it for breakfast.

Of course we had hearty meals, too, from foods raised and grown on the farm and my daughter is compiling a cookbook with those recipes of our ancestors.

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(Mary Emma writes from her NH home. Here she researches the recipes in her family’s history. E-mail: me.allen@juno.com)

**Church donates to Food Pantry**



On January 12<sup>th</sup>, Gerry Aster (right) presented socks, quilts, toys, diapers and more to Norma Allensworth of the McKenzie Bible Fellowship. The items were donated by members of McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church over the Christmas season and will be distributed to patrons of the Food Pantry, housed at the McKenzie Bible Fellowship in Lwaburg.

**McKenzie Fire & Rescue**

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The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

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# Community Notes

January 18

## McKenzie School Board

The McKenzie School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the district office, 51187 Blue River Drive in Finn Rock. Items on the agenda include On the agenda a land swap proposal and the charter school annual report. The meeting will be livestreamed viewing available at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC14\\_qR6FmaelclIzi4UMCeQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC14_qR6FmaelclIzi4UMCeQ/videos). all comments submitted before noon on January 17<sup>th</sup> will be presented to the board for review and submission to the meeting minutes. Public comments can be sent to [public.comment@mckenzieisd.org](mailto:public.comment@mckenzieisd.org)

January 18

## Upper McK Fire Board

The board of directors will meet at 7 p.m. 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge. Adgenda items will include the administrative assistant hiring process and community involvement including the food pantry and driveway property inspections.

January 19

## Leaburg Food Pantry

Leaburg Food Pantry. Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 3 - 6:30 p.m. Behind the McKenzie Bible Fellowship Church, 45061 McKenzie Hwy.

January 23

## Springfield School Board

7 pm - 8:30 pm. The Board of Directors meet in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

February 2, 9, & 16

## Woodland Planning

Woodland Management Planning Webinar Series. This three session webinar series is ideal for anyone interested in starting a woodland management plan. Learn how to assess your site, in-

tegrate existing maps and resource data, collect field information, schedule management activities and how to get help. Thursdays, February 2, 9, & 16, 2023. 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Register online at <https://beav.es/5dx>

Questions? Contact Norma Kline at [norma.kline@oregonstate.edu](mailto:norma.kline@oregonstate.edu) or 541-572-5263 ext. 25294.

This is a free series brought to you by the Oregon State University Extension Service.

February 7

## Blue River Drive Changes

A Public Hearing before the Lane County Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. to discuss possible changes to Blue River Drive. People can attend at Lane County Public Works, 3050 N. Delta Hwy. in Eugene; or via a hybrid option (online and/or phone).

February 7

## Forest Management

On Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 4 p.m. there will be a virtual meeting open to the public to learn more about the Oregon Department of Forestry's Forest Management Plan (FMP) and Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

This meeting will provide an update on the FMP, the HCP, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

A proposed agenda and additional details will be provided closer to the meeting date.

More information is available online at the Western Oregon State Forest Management Plan Website and the Western Oregon State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan Website.

February 11

## Valentine's Dinner

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, the Vida McKenzie Community Center will be serving a delicious multi-course dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. at

the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church. Menu choices will include prime rib, chicken, or vegetarian offerings. All profits help rebuild and equip the Vida Community Center building poised to open late Spring or early Summer 2023. Cost: \$25 per person. Reservations: 541-896-3001 or [gerryaster@gmail.com](mailto:gerryaster@gmail.com).

February 12  
Holiday Fair

The McKenzie River Holiday Fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on February 12th at McKenzie Fire's Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. Message Tina Matula on Facebook to reserve table space,

USFS Jobs

The Willamette National Forest will soon be hiring for the 2023 summer season. Opportunities are available in specialties such as fire, dispatch, recreation, engineering, natural resources, visitor services, and more. Applications will be accepted from January 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, on [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov). Duty locations include McKenzie Bridge, Springfield, Mill City, Sweet Home, and Westfir, Oregon. Seasonal housing may be available. Learn more at: <https://tinyurl.com/4urm6y3x>

Planning Commission

Lane County Planning Commission is accepting applications to fill one at-large position

The Lane County Planning Commission is accepting applications to fill one at-large position. An at-large position means that, while applicants must be Lane County residents, they do not need to live in a particular area of the county.

The Lane County Planning Commission is a nine-member advisory board that makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding land use, comprehensive plan issues and amendments, as well as other regional planning issues. The group generally meets twice per month in the evenings.

"How we implement our comprehensive plan and issues related to land use is how we build our community for ourselves and future generations," said Lane County Planning Director Amber Bell. "It's important that the Commission reflect our community."

Applicants must be residents of Lane County. To learn more or download an application, visit [www.LaneCountyOR.gov/Planning\\_Commission](http://www.LaneCountyOR.gov/Planning_Commission).

New Grant Program

New Grant Program Debuts to Assist Small Businesses Affected by COVID-19

Business Oregon has partnered

with the CCD Business Development Corporation to offer \$3 million in CDBG-CV Statewide Small Business and Microenterprise Grant Assistance (SBMA). This program is funded with federal grant funds from the Oregon Community Development Block Grant program CARES Act funding for communities affected by COVID-19.

SBMA grants will be awarded between \$2,500 - \$30,000 per business. Microenterprises whose owner meets who meet low- and moderate-income (LMI) criteria can qualify for up to \$10,000 in grant funding. Small businesses can qualify for \$2,500 per LMI employee retained up to \$30,000 in funding.

Eligibility Requirements: A microenterprise (five or fewer employees) or small business (more than five employees) that:

- \* Was in business prior to March 8, 2019

- \* Can document COVID-19 impact (lost revenue, mandated closures, workforce issues, supply
- \* Has an owner and/or employees who meet low- and moderate-income (LMI) criteria

This program will launch on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. and will close on Friday, January 27, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Applications for this grant program will

be processed on a lottery basis. At the time of application closure, all submitted applications will be randomized and processed. To register and apply, visit [www.ccd-business.org/oregonsbma](http://www.ccd-business.org/oregonsbma).

Technical assistance is available to assist with completing the application process. You may use Google Translate on the application registration and program webpages for non-English languages or please contact CCD Business Development Corporation at 1-888-263-0971 or [oregonsbma@ccdbusiness.com](mailto:oregonsbma@ccdbusiness.com) for additional assistance. Video tutorials for both small business and microenterprise applications, including helpful tips, are also available. The link to the YouTube playlist for the video tutorials can be found at on the CCD's website.

Business Oregon, in partnership with CCD Business Development Corporation, will be hosting two virtual Q&A meetings about this grant opportunity on Friday, January 13 at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Register for the virtual Q&A meetings using this online form.

The SBMA grant award selections are expected in February 2023 and the funding is expected to be distributed to selected grantees in March 2023. Visit [www.oregon.gov/biz/](http://www.oregon.gov/biz/) to learn more.

## Lane County detectives getting some software upgrades



The Lane County Sheriff's Office detectives will soon have access to new software that will aid them in processing digital evidence.

Operation Underground Railroad, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works to protect children from sex trafficking and exploitation, has donated \$3,000 to the Lane County Sheriff's Office. This donation will be used to purchase Griffeye, a software that analyzes digital evidence, including photos and videos, and can be programmed to detect illegal images such as child pornography.

Detectives currently have to manually analyze every single piece of digital evidence, an inefficient and mentally taxing process. The donation will fund the software purchase for two years and should result in more efficient detection and analysis of digital evidence.

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

## Throwaway Parents



My son had a rough divorce, and his family stayed with him all the way. He used his hands on her, but she had been pushing his buttons. Along with the divorce came financial problems, and we loaned him money.

He lived with us for about a year and then moved out on his own. All the while, he was a very good son living under his parents' roof. He was fortunate to earn a decent living, and one day he met a lovely girl who eventually became his second wife.

He borrowed money to start his own business. Recently, we learned he rented out his house and moved into his mother-in-law's empty one, as his business was not doing well and he couldn't keep up. He did not tell us his problems but wrote us a very hurtful letter saying he was brought up with the wrong priorities.

He wrote off a large debt owed to us by saying he feels he's paid enough. We paid what was owed and put all the financial stuff away. Now he has stepped away from his parents, and we visit our grandchildren while he is at work. Most recently, he said he will meet with his father, not me, to talk over what is on his mind. When that happens, we do not know.

If he wants to see us, it's with no therapy, so he is still basically the same person. What is wrong? Who knows? What did I do, his mother, who went 200 percent for her son, and gave him everything he asked for? He has taken the unconditional love we had for him and tells us he would have been better off going to jail if he knew what the future would bring.

Molly

Molly, imagine you gave someone \$100 every day. They didn't have to work for it or earn it, you simply gave it to them. Then one day you ask them to sweep the sidewalk, and they refuse. Why? Because they don't feel they need to do anything. They feel entitled.

Your son realizes something is wrong with him, but he doesn't know how to say it. Not only that, the selfish part of him still wants

to receive without earning. What he was trying to say in that hurtful letter is this. "You gave so much I didn't learn how to work for reward. I expected things to come easily. I expected to be backed even when I was wrong. That hurt me."

Your son feels he missed out on the guiding, molding, and shaping he needed from his parents. That is the part that establishes the emotional bond between parent and child. Being neither too lenient nor too strict is the hard part for both parents and child.

The first time you gave to him when he knew he was in the wrong, diminished you in his eyes. It spoiled him, and spoiled people tend not to feel love because they are so focused on themselves. Now he feels too old to change, and he is mad about it. His only resort is to say, "You did this to me!"

It doesn't matter how good or bad our parents are. There comes a time when each of us must realize our life is in our own hands, and nobody else's. That is what your son must now face. Maybe what the future holds for you is talking to other parents about the need to be strong with their children. A lack of balance in the relationship, giving too much or too little, always causes problems.

When parents take the hard path when necessary, they eventually reap the reward. Their children come back to them in love and live

more successful lives. Our future with our children is formed while they are children.

Wayne & Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of *Cheating in a Nutshell*, *What Infidelity Does to the Victim*, available from Amazon, Apple and most booksellers.

## American Life in Poetry

*Editor's Note: The contract with the Poetry Foundation for American Life in Poetry ended on 12/31/2022. There are no further plans for ALIP, which was launched in 2005 by then U.S. Poet Laureate Ted Kooser. This was Column 002.*

Many of us have felt helpless when we've tried to assist friends who are dealing with the deaths of loved ones. Here the Kentucky poet and publisher, Jonathan Greene, conveys that feeling of inadequacy in a single sentence. The brevity of the poem reflects the measured and halting speech of people attempting to offer words of condolence:

### At the Grave

As Death often  
sidelines us

it is good  
to contribute

even if so little  
as to shovel

some earth  
into earth.

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## A Moment in History

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**January 19, 1809** - Poet, author and literary critic Edgar Allan Poe is born in Boston, Massachusetts.

When he was three years old, both of his parents had died, leaving him in the care of his godfather, John Allan, a wealthy tobacco merchant. Poe attended school in England, and entered the University of Virginia (UVA) in 1826. He fought with Allan over his heavy gambling debts and was forced to leave UVA after only eight months.

In 1836 he was an editor at the Southern Literary Messenger in Richmond, Virginia. Poe married his 13-year-old cousin, Virginia Clemm.

In 1844, the Poes moved to New York City. There he scored a spectacular success with his poem "The Raven." His wife died of tuberculosis in early 1847. Her death drove Poe even deeper into alcoholism and drug abuse. After becoming involved with several women, he returned to Richmond in 1849 and was engaged to an old flame. Before the wedding, however, Poe died suddenly. He died on October 7, 1849, at age 40.

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**Summer food service program**  
 More schools, community organizations sought



Grant funds of up to \$20,000 are available to start up or expand summer meal programs for children and teens. The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is seeking more schools, community organizations and tribes to participate in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) this summer to help ensure that children and teens receive the nutritious meals they need during the summer months. As an incentive, state grant funds are available to start up or expand summer meal programs.

SFSP works to ensure children 18 and younger, who benefit from meal programs during the school year, continue to have that same access to nutritious meals when schools are closed, or students are unable to attend school in person.

"During the summer months, when school is not in session, summer meals ensure that children continue to receive the nutrition they need to learn and grow," ODE Summer Meals Outreach Coordinator Cathy Brock said. "Expanding the program is an important step to close the hunger gap in all areas of the state. ODE's Child Nutrition Program is reaching out to ensure that children continue to receive meals throughout the summer."

Schools, non-profit community organizations, local government agencies, camps and faith-based

organizations that have the ability to manage a food service program may be SFSP sponsors. Organizations must enter into an agreement with ODE to operate the USDA Summer Food Service Program and are then reimbursed for serving healthy meals and snacks to children at approved sites.

Sites are places in the community where children receive meals in a safe and supervised environment. They can be located in a variety of settings, including schools, parks, community centers, health clinics, hospitals, libraries, migrant centers, apartment complexes and faith-based locations. Sponsors may be approved to operate and/or have oversight of multiple sites.

Apply to Sponsor a Summer Meals Program and Apply for Outreach Funds

ODE has state grant funds available up to \$20,000 per sponsor to expand or start up summer meal programs.

For questions about grant funds and more information about how your organization can become a Summer Food Service Program sponsor, please contact ode.communitynutrition@ode.oregon.gov. The deadline to submit an eligibility assessment to become a Summer Food Service sponsor is March 17, 2023.

**Ski Report**

January 17, 2022

The Hoodoo Ski Area is back to its regular schedule – closed on Mon. & Tues; open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wed. to Sat; and Sun. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The temperature Tuesday morning was 26 degrees with SW winds averaging 19 mph. An inch of snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 46 inches. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 18 degrees at the base and 20 degrees at the summit on Tuesday. No new snow fell overnight, leaving the snowpack at 73 inches at mid-mountain. Mild winds and clear skies were expected through the day and the summit lift is open again for the season. Winds up top were averaging 36 mph. 108 of 121 trails were open, along with 9 of 15 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.

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ate questions. Here's one: Will Republicans try to challenge the terms of the new constitutional amendment penalizing long-term absences from the session? Will they risk it? Will they be defanged?

How effective will Oregon's two least-known brand-new members of Congress be? Both Democrat Andrea Salinas in the 6th Congressional District and Republican Lori Chavez-DeRemer in the 5th were elected with slim margins this year, and both can expect to be targeted by the opposing parties next time. In the coming year, will they be caught up in controversies? Will they build broad connections to their constituencies? What sort of issues or debates will they be associated with?

This year will be more than just about politics, of course. The farmworker overtime bill signed into law last April will come more fully into bloom

this year. A proposed ballot issue to legalize sex work was short-circuited last year partly because of its descriptive language, and it may be back this year. Abortion laws could toughen even more in nearby states like Idaho, and Oregon will see ongoing pressure there. The appearance this winter of the "triple-demic" of COVID-19, the flu, and the respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, either might fade or become an important driver this year with many hospital beds in the Northwest taken.

But in all of these cases, we might not need terrific insight to see what's ahead. The signs were set in place last year. Now we begin the road ahead.

Randy Stapilus has researched and written about Northwest politics and issues since 1976 for a long list of newspapers and other publications.

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# Tough on firs

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to look at how the mechanisms behind carbon fixation and water “fluxes” – exchanges of water between trees and the atmosphere – would respond to decreases in rainfall and increases in VPD.

Douglas-fir, like other plants, create food for themselves using sunlight, carbon dioxide and water during photosynthesis. The process pulls CO<sub>2</sub>, a greenhouse gas, from the air, releases oxygen and results in the long-term storage of carbon in the wood and roots.

“What governs carbon fixation and water fluxes in response to increased temperatures and water limitation in regions with Mediterranean climates – wet winters and dry summers – is only partially understood,” said Jarecke, who began the research as a doctoral student in the OSU College of Forestry. “High VPD and lack of soil moisture can create significant water stress in forests, but dry atmosphere and lack of rainfall are strongly linked, making it difficult to discern their independent effects. They tend to both occur during the summer.”

Jarecke and collaborators including the College of Forestry’s Kevin Bladon and Linnia Hawkins and the U.S. Forest Service’s Steven Wondzell used a computer model to disentangle the effects of the two phenomena. The model uses a series of equations that illustrate how well Douglas-firs are equipped to deal with water stress, and it showed that less spring and



Lina DiGregorio

A stand of Douglas-fir.

summer rain is likely to have a comparatively smaller impact on forest productivity than increased VPD.

“Decreasing spring and summer precipitation did not have much of an effect on Douglas-fir water stress because moisture remained plentiful deep in the soil profile,” Jarecke said. “This demonstrated that the effect of reduced rainfall under future climate change may be minimal but will depend on subsurface water availability, which is determined by soil properties and rooting depths.”

She said heat-driven increases in vapor pressure deficit, however, are likely to cause water stress regardless of the amount of moisture in the soil, adding

that “many knowledge gaps remain concerning how trees will respond to extreme temperatures and VPD anomalies such as the record-breaking temperatures that occurred in the Northwest in the summer of 2021.”

Bladon added that the Oregon State study shows the important role of atmospheric droughts in creating stress conditions for trees.

“This has potential implications for not only driving substantial tree mortality, but also influencing wildfires, as other studies have shown strong relationships between VPD and forest area burned in the western United States,” he said.

# Revitalize and rebuild

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is the focus of studies now underway to develop a community wastewater system. That project is being financed by a legislative appropriation designed to aid wildfire-impacted communities. Over at the Blue River Water District’s table, Rob Woodard, Lane County’s special projects district manager, told people that over the next six weeks, soil studies and percolation tests will determine where the town’s drain fields will go. A decision on whether that will be the Blue River Park site or the Three Sisters Meadows property is expected within six months he said. Construction could be expected during the summer of 2023, Woodard added.

Becky Taylor, the county’s senior transportation planner, says he had conversations timelines about timelines too. “People along Blue River Drive have a lot of uncertainty about where to start measuring their building setbacks or how much room is required for the street, the right of way, and utilities,” she said.

Currently, there is a 60-foot right-of-way along Blue River Drive. The Lane County land use code, however, requires 90 feet. “That generated a lot of fear and concern for property owners that not only did they have to set back for a really wide right of way, to begin with, but by some arbitrary goal that went even further,” she said.

“The most pressing thing for me is to get approval for a 60-

foot setback to allow people to get permits in February without design specifics.”

Taylor said she feels very confident the county’s planning commission will approve a code amendment at their February 7th hearing. With that in place, she said planners will look at other issues including head-in or parallel parking, sidewalks, locations of underground utilities, and possibly adding streetlights – along with whether or not all that could fit inside an even smaller 45-foot right of way.

“Today provided a whole host

of opportunities for people who are looking at recovery,” said Matt McRae, the county’s disaster recovery manager. “There are a number of challenges that are unique to wildfire recovery in this area specifically because it’s unincorporated,” he said. While opportunities are different from those that are open to municipalities, McRae said he felt there were opportunities “where we can find flexibility, alternatives, and solutions that will work and support recovery in rural communities up and down the whole valley.”



Mary Ellen Wheeler, Connie & Cliff Richardson made a visual connection to the past by donning McKenzie Boosters jackets worn by their parents.

# Community Colleges

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to data from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center included in the report.

Despite the challenges, the audit pointed to areas where state lawmakers could help the Higher Education Coordinating Commission improve outcomes at Oregon’s 17 community colleges, including increased funding, and collecting more data to measure them.

“The increased role that the auditors envision for the HECC in helping improve student success at community colleges would require greater levels of capacity at the state agency,” Cannon explained. “Or in some cases, great-

er levels of authority.”

Cannon added his agency and the audit agreed state lawmakers can do more to invest in financial aid.

“Those programs are a partnership between the HECC and the Legislature, and legislative support, particularly on the funding side, is really critical for us to expand those and really meet the spirit of the auditor’s recommendation there,” Cannon contended.

Oregon’s legislative session is slated to run through the middle of June.

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# Logging

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is occurring way too often or somewhat too often, while more than one-third said that the right amount of logging is occurring in the state. About 20% felt logging was not happening quite enough or definitely not enough.

Nearly half the state is covered in forests, and Oregon is the largest source of lumber in the country, according to the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, a group created by the Legislature in the early 1990s to support the growth of the state’s forest products industry.

The federal government owns most of Oregon’s forestland, but very little logging occurs on them. More than 75% of logging in Oregon occurs on about one-third of the state’s forestlands, owned and managed by the state or private landowners.

Despite many feeling too much logging is taking place, more than three-quarters of all respondents said that forest management practices, including commercial timber harvests, are important to maintain forest health. This management also includes thinning, prescribed burns, replanting trees and protecting old-growth trees from being logged.

More than half of the respondents support collecting wood debris left in forests from logging and converting it into biofuels, such as biodiesel for cars and trucks, or for electricity. But about 30% said they did not know enough about biofuels and the use

of woody biomass for energy to have an opinion.

Proponents of such practices say using castaway wood from logging for biofuels is a way to take a renewable resource and create less carbon-intensive fuel than coal, oil and gas. But conservationists argue it incentivizes the destruction of forests for wood that can be used for fuels, and that it’s inefficient given how much it costs to collect and transport wood to facilities that can process it into biofuels.

There are currently 15 power plants in Oregon that use woody biomass to generate electricity, according to the watchdog group Citizens’ Utility Board.

Most survey respondents said they support using public and taxpayer dollars to reduce some logging in order to keep more trees and old-growth trees in the ground to suck up carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and help combat climate change. Respondents said they were less supportive of doing so for large, industrial land and forest owners.

More than three-quarters of respondents want the state to provide funding for urban and rural tree planting programs and about half of respondents believe at least half of all of Oregon’s forests should be set aside as wilderness areas where commercial timber production cannot take place.

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